

BEGINNING OF REVIEW/PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Washington State Department of Health has received three Certificate of Need applications under the provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38. Each application proposes to establish a dialysis center in Pierce County. These applications are being reviewed under comparative review.

Proposal: DaVita, Inc is proposing to establish a 21-station dialysis center to be located at 3401 South 19th Street in Tacoma. The estimated capital expenditure for this project is \$1,392,924.

Proposal: Franciscan Health System is proposing to establish an 8-station dialysis center to be located at 11307 Bridgeport Way Southwest in Lakewood. The estimated capital expenditure for this project is \$1,102,884.

Proposal: Franciscan Health System is also proposing to establish an 18-station dialysis center to be located at 14916 Pacific Avenue South in Tacoma. The estimated capital expenditure for this project is \$2,867,804.

The Certificate of Need Program shall convene a public hearing in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-180 on Friday, December 1, 2006, beginning at 2:00 pm in the meeting room of the Anna Lemon Wheelock Library located at 3722 North 26th Street in Tacoma. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to submit information to the department regarding the three applications. **Individuals speaking at the public hearing will be limited to 3 minutes.** Therefore, written comments are encouraged.

In order to be considered by the department, any data, comments, or arguments regarding the application must be submitted either at the hearing on December 1, 2006, or received by regular or overnight mail at the Certificate of Need Program office, Department of Health, 310 Israel Road Southeast, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504-7852, on or before 5:00 pm on December 1, 2006. **Faxed comments will not be accepted.**

Under the provisions of WAC 246-310-160(a), affected parties may reserve their right to respond to information during the rebuttal period if they are located or reside within the applicant's health service area; **provide oral or written comments at a public hearing;** and request, in writing, to be informed of the department's decision. The Department of Health's review should be completed by February 1, 2007.

If you are limited in English speaking or hearing impaired, a qualified interpreter can be appointed. Braille or taped information can be made available for individuals with visual impairments. Individuals requiring these services should contact Lee-Ann Hopper at (360) 236-2955 by November 22, 2006. The location of the public hearing is barrier free. If you have any questions or would like a copy of any of the three applications, please call Karen Nidermayer with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2957.

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